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## *From the Desk of the President*

### THE ABSENT CONSTITUENCY

All of medicine's current problems have occurred as a result of our own errors of commission or omission. Not always on the part of its leaders, but mostly on the part of those too busy or too uninterested to participate in shaping their own future. Yet how vocal is the non-participant when those he didn't elect take a stand contrary to his individual desires or beliefs. Often the easiest recourse is to resign from the organization in protest, which at least makes his separation legitimate, and assures lack of representation.

It is very easy to criticize those who are active, but it is very difficult to be active, trying to speak for a constituency that is conspicuous by its absence, and that makes its views known only after the fact. How can the leaders in medicine be representative if their membership fails to give them clear-cut mandates. It is high time to admit that "organized medicine" is fragmented into groups, each representing only a small proportion of physicians, or better to admit that doctors really don't participate in matters very far beyond their own close personal interests.

Medical societies can be strong, responsive, innovative, and vigorous forces for the common good, but only if they can speak with the authority of numbers and unity. Medical societies cannot be representative until the membership assumes its responsibility to participate, debate, and decide issues in the democratic tradition, willing to subjugate individual parochialism to the greater good of the profession and the people it serves.

Unless the medical profession can demonstrate by performance its desire to secure new equitable, dignified solutions to the problems pressing upon us all, we will remain suspect in the eyes of the public. Such performance can only spring from a truly representative body acting in accordance with positions determined through deliberation. We cannot be representative without the majority of our membership voicing its opinions and desires in open forums. Until that happens, however, there is little justification for us to criticize those who, often by default, have the energy and integrity to push their own programs in the name of organized medicine. If we are truly to make progress, we must all show up, speak out, and secure the representative leadership and action we so desperately need and deserve.

—James S. Todd, M.D., president of the  
Bergen County (N.J.) Medical Society

This description by Dr. Todd fits our Society, as it probably fits most county medical societies. The solution really is not difficult. It entails each physician of our Society attending each meeting and speaking out on the issues.

We must work together to restrict further encroachments on the freedom to practice medicine.

—Henry Holden, M.D.  
President



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## A History of Medicine in Youngstown and Mahoning Valley

### YOUNGSTOWN CITY HOSPITAL—YOUNGSTOWN'S FIRST HOSPITAL

**1881 — Incorporated**

**1882 — Built**

**1883 — Opened**

John C. Melnick, M.D.

Medicine began in Youngstown in 1801 with the arrival of its first doctor—Charles Dutton. He was the township's only physician until the arrival of Dr. Henry Manning in 1811. Youngstown's third physician was Dr. Charles C. Cook who practiced from 1824 to 1863. Then followed a group of physicians who were to organize and operate Youngstown's first hospital. The physicians that were members of the Mahoning County Medical Society in 1882 were:

H. H. Haun  
Frank V. Floor  
John McCurdy  
John E. Woodbridge  
J. S. Wilson  
M. S. Clark  
W. J. Whelan  
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The township of Youngstown in 1810 had a population of 773 which grew to 2,082 by 1850. It was organized as a village in 1850 and elected John Heiner as its first mayor. By 1880 the population was 15,435 and the dream of a hospital was becoming a reality.

The Youngstown Hospital Association was incorporated on September 8, 1881. The incorporators were: John Stambaugh, F. H. Matthews, Robert McCurdy, George Rudge, Sr., David Theobald, James Hamman, F. S. Whitslar and Richard Brown. The first organizational meeting, chaired by David Theobald, was held at the Reading Room on East Federal Street, October 3,

1881. The original Board of Trustees were: John Stambaugh, C. H. Andrews, A. B. Cornell, F. H. Matthews, George Rudge, Sr., J. J. Hammar, Disney Rogers (brother of Volney Rogers, founder of Mill Creek Park), Frank B. Williams, Mrs. Arabella Ford, Mrs. R. Brown, Mrs. D. Theobald, Mrs. J. S. Besane, Mrs. F. S. Whitslar, Mrs. J. Botsford and Mrs. Mary Bentley.

The Board of Trustees having been named, the following officers were elected:

President: John Stambaugh

Secretary: Frank B. Williams

Vice President: Mrs. Arabella Ford

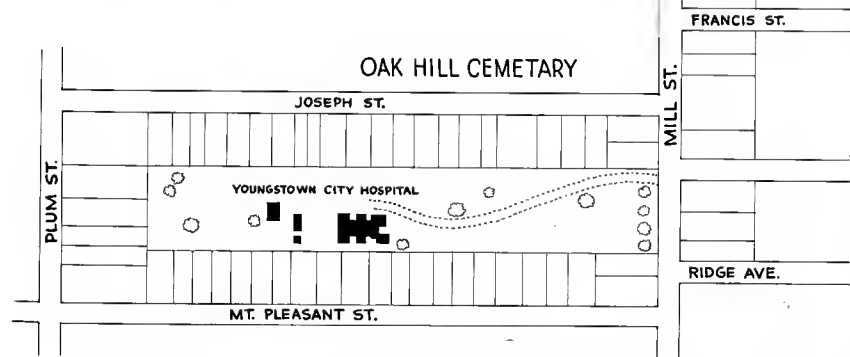
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On November 15, 1881, the Building Committee was authorized to purchase land adjoining the two and a half acres donated by John Stambaugh. It paid \$2,500.00 for a lot at 141 Mill Street (Oak Hill). The site of the hospital was chosen by the ladies in charge of the hospital project.

The fund raising campaign received donations ranging from \$5.00 to \$1,000.00. Mrs. C. H. Andrews purchased two huge steers, had them well groomed, then paraded them up and down the streets of Youngstown for two days. The steers were then raffled off and netted nearly two thousand dollars. Various lodges and employees of the mills gave over \$1,000.00. Nearly \$10,000.00 was raised for Youngstown's first hospital with good community participation.

The corner stone was laid in the summer of 1882. A wooden frame house of three stories with approximately 18 beds, 12 ward beds and six private rooms, was erected. Expansion was inevitable and the hospital capacity was later increased to 70 patients. Several houses eventually made up the hospital complex. The original hospital, with alterations, still stands on the southeast corner of Thorn Avenue and New Court Street on the south side of Youngstown. Its present address is 565 New Court Street.

City Hospital was located in a pleasant park-like area situated between Joseph and Mt. Pleasant Streets. Mt. Pleasant is now Ridge Ave. Mill St. is now Oak Hill. Today the park is gone. A street called New Court now bisects what was once the park and leads from Oak Hill to and beyond the old Hospital building.



On May 26, 1882, The *Youngstown Telegram* said that nature could not have formed, nor the hospital trustees selected, a more sightly spot. The unobstructed view of the Mahoning River with the valley in which was located the countless industries of the city spread before the eye. A large group of people attended the laying of the corner stone on May 25, 1882. Mayor Lawthers called the meeting to order. A prayer was said by Rev. D. H. Evans of the First Presbyterian Church. Governor Foster was unable to attend and Mr. L. W. King filled his place. A social event then took place at the Opera House in the evening.





### THE OLD CITY HOSPITAL

**This newspaper photo shows City Hospital with nurses and staff. Windows had been added above the side porch since the original construction shown on the cover.**

The hospital was formally opened on March 8, 1883, although the first patient, an industrial burn case from the Brier Hill Coal and Iron Company, was received on January 1, 1883. He was attended by Dr. Mathews. The second patient was admitted on January 15, 1883, and was attended by J. J. Thomas.

The author has spent considerable time in unraveling a simple statement that the "new" South Unit of YHA built in 1902, was just "across the street" from the original hospital on Mill Street. The latter was easy for Mill Street was changed to Oak Hill, however, "across the street" became involved. Around 1804 Colonel James Hillman purchased a farm of 160 acres from John Young. He built the first frame house in the area in the vicinity of the South Unit. The farm boundaries were Market Street on the east, The Mahoning River and Mahoning Avenue on the north, Myrtle Street on the south and between Oak Hill and Hillman Streets on the west. The land then over the years was divided and sold as varying size parcels. The main building of the hospital, as mentioned, is presently located on the corner of Thorn Avenue and New Court, several blocks from the current South Side hospital, and thus not just "across the street."

In the 1880's the hospital bought additional land so that by 1899 the property extended east from the main building to borders on Oak Hill (Mill Street) and thus was "across the street" from the new South Side Hospital. No street was present between Joseph and Ridge but only a winding drive from Oak Hill to the hospital. A small amount of property was north, west

and south of the hospital buildings. The area owned by the hospital was approximately 5.1 acres by 1899. The property was 175 feet on Mill Street and extended west for 1,169½ feet.

A number of homes were on the north side of the hospital property and faced Joseph Street. Houses were also to the south facing Mount Pleasant Street (later becoming Ridge Street). New Court did not exist at the time but only a winding drive from Mill Street to the main hospital buildings. Several houses and smaller structures were to the west of the main hospital building. Further to the west, beyond the hospital, were homes facing Plum Street. An included diagram illustrates this description.



**LEFT:** Only known interior photo of City Hospital shows this room with hospital bed and fireplace. **RIGHT:** The building that was once City Hospital as it looks today on the corner of Thorn and New Court.

Miss Sarah H. Sims began her career as a student nurse in the "old hospital" and later became the superintendent from 1891 to 1910. A description of the early hospital was given by her in the late thirties. Nurses worked 12 hours a day and not infrequently, 24 to 36 hours without sleep. One duty was to stuff hay or straw into mattresses to maintain their fullness and comfort. The private rooms were equipped with Jenny Lind stoves whereas the wards had "central heating", that is a coal stove and later a gas stove in the middle of each ward. Coal was used when the gas pressure was too low. It seems that gas pressure hasn't changed too much in the past 100 years. Lighting was by oil lamp and, therefore, surgery at night was avoided when possible. Emergency surgery at night, however, was performed with the nurse or doctor holding the lamp. Can you imagine the language of the surgeons when the lamps were not held perfectly?! Oil lamps were kept for some time even after illuminating gas became available—just in case.

Miss Mary Barliss, a nurse from City Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, was the first matron, appointed in October 7, 1882, at a salary of \$400.00 per year. Dugald Cook, a male nurse, was hired to work in the hospital as well as to maintain the grounds. He was paid \$20.00 per month or \$240.00 per year. Mr. Cook's wife was also employed by the hospital and she boarded patients for \$3.00 per week. Another nurse was Miss Biddlestone who was paid \$12.00 per month or \$144.00 per year. The patients' food was cooked in Mrs. Cook's home.

The use of coal or wood was continued until 1887 when the Mahoning Gas and Fuel Company agreed to provide free gas service for one year if the hospital paid for the pipe laid from the hospital to the main line. After the year of free gas, the cost of the gas was \$4.00 per month. It was during its first year of operation, 1883, when the hospital acquired a modern convenience—it installed the telephone. Several years later the Transit Company laid tracks so that public transportation was made available.

Very little abdominal surgery was performed by local doctors. Dr. Joseph Price of Philadelphia and Dr. Howard Kelly of Baltimore traveled to Youngs-

town and performed such operations. Dr. Price was a pioneer abdominal surgeon. Dr. J. J. Thomas administered anesthesia once for a critical case being operated by Dr. Price. When Dr. Price highly complimented the doctor for his vital assistance, Dr. Thomas was so elated that the next day he went out and bought a new hat.

On one occasion Dr. J. J. Thomas was to perform a double amputation and called in Dr. W. H. Buechner. Dr. Thomas worked on the arm and Dr. Buechner on the leg. The operation became a race to see who had the best stump at the end. A single stitch abscess developed and the patient was living and well 40 years later.

Specialization was gradually developing. Initially there was minimal distinction between medical and surgical men, however, soon Drs. A. M. Clark, G. Peck and W. L. Buechner tended towards surgery whereas Drs. B. Haun and J. J. Thomas specialized in obstetrics.

The hospital ran into financial difficulties from time to time but with the help of many citizens and businesses managed to survive its growing pains. At the annual meeting, held October 21, 1884, a deficit of \$659.00 was reported. Mr. John Stambaugh, president, gave a personal check to cover the deficiency. The following year conditions worsened and at the meeting of the Board held May 25, 1885, closing of the hospital was discussed.

On July 1, 1885, it was reported no patients had been received during the past six weeks. In the winter of 1885 a group of prominent citizens were players in a Kermis held for the benefit of the hospital. The Kermis was held in a building later used by the Lung Brothers as a livery just east of Walnut Street on East Federal Street. A rare photograph of the group in their costumes is included in this article.

In 1887 reversals again threatened the closure of the hospital. The citizens rallied once more, especially the women. A chrysanthemum show was held in a skating rink on East Federal Street. This was the largest entertainment ever held on behalf of the hospital and netted \$4,000.00. The next year the

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These are the players in a Kermis held for the benefit of the city hospital in the winter of 1885. Left to the right in the picture are: Seated, Fred H. Wick, Dr. Foster and Porter Pollock. Standing, W. H. Baldwin, John S. Ford, unknown, W. F. Bonnell, J. H. Sheadle, Harry Bonnell and W. Scott Bonnell.

endowment fund was established by David Theobald. His gift was \$300.00 which was increased to \$1,000.00 by members of the Board of Trustees. By 1908 the fund had reached \$47,500 and by 1938 to a total of \$500,000.00.

On recommendation of the Mahoning County Medical Society, the first staff of physicians was named in 1882. There are several variations as to how many doctors constituted the first "Hospital Medical Board" and who the doctors were that were elected, according to various hospital reports. There was some controversy between the Board of Trustees of the hospital and the Mahoning County Medical Society regarding how the hospital would operate. At a special meeting of the Medical Society on November 3, 1882, the society decided that a committee of five doctors would be elected and that this committee should be capable of making all laws necessary for its own government and for the welfare of the hospital and its inmates. Further, that four members would constitute a quorum and the committee would be the judge of the fitness of its members and could at any time expel or elect a member. It was also established that no member of the board would be allowed to perform any of the functions of his office until he had exhibited to the board a good and satisfactory diploma from a creditable medical college. It was further resolved that this Medical Board had the power to relieve one of its member physicians or surgeons attending at the hospital at any time and to fill a vacancy according to its best judgment. Approximately 31 doctors belonged to the Medical Society with 16 present at this meeting. Of the doctors present, 13 voted. Accordingly, the doctors elected were:

John McCurdy—13 votes  
 John E. Woodbridge—10 votes  
 John S. Cunningham—9 votes  
 William H. Whelan—8 votes  
 Myron S. Clark—7 votes

The first caesarean section was performed by Dr. W. L. Buechner in the hospital on July 4, 1884. The occasion arose from the accidental shooting of the mother in the abdomen. The child was not wounded and both mother and child recovered. The first Murphy Button operation and gall bladder surgery was performed by Dr. A. E. Welch.

In 1896 a training school for nurses was established (a separate article will describe the school from 1896 to 1969). A Board of Women Managers for the hospital was established the same year.

The 21st annual report—published in 1903—listed the patients serviced during the indicated year. The first year is given, then figures are for five year intervals:

1883—59 patients	1897—297 patients
1888—112 patients	1901—627 patients
1892—222 patients	1907—1,993 patients

The cost of services for one year for 59 patients in 1883 was \$2,000.00. By 1907 the cost for 1,993 patients was \$54,813.71.

The presidents of the Youngstown Hospital Association in the 19th century were:

John Stambaugh	1881-1888
Richard Brown	1888-1890
G. M. McKelvey	1890-1898
Randall Montgomery	1898-1907

The hospital was entirely run by a matron until the term superintendent was introduced in 1901. The early matrons were as follows:

Miss Mary Barliss	1881-1887
Miss Lily W. Thurman	1887-1891
Miss Sarah Sims	1891-1910



Composite photo of early physicians (first row) W. L. Buechner, J. McCurdy, T. Woodbridge, C. N. Fowler. (second row) W. S. Mathews, John S. Cunningham, W. J. Whelan. McCurdy, Woodbridge, Cunningham and Whelan, along with M. S. Clark, were on the first staff of City Hospital.

On July 1, 1885, there was a reorganization of the staff which was divided into two parts:

#### MEDICAL BOARD

Dr. J. E. Woodbridge  
Dr. W. L. Buechner  
Dr. C. N. Fowler  
Dr. W. L. Mathews

#### VISITING BOARD

Dr. A. M. Clark  
Dr. J. J. Thomas  
Dr. G. S. Peck  
Dr. B. F. Hahn

The staff was then reorganized in 1912, however this will be presented in another article.

The original hospital was approximately ten years old when a group of physicians became dissatisfied with the prevailing conditions and resigned. They founded Youngstown's second hospital—Mahoning Valley Hospital—in 1897. An article will deal with its history and will appear in the next issue of the *Bulletin*.

The need for further expansion and modernization led to the sale of the Youngstown Hospital. Land was purchased on the corner of Oak Hill Avenue and Francis Street for the construction of a new hospital—the South Unit of the Youngstown Hospital Association. A subsequent article will discuss the original buildings and periodic expansions from 1902-1972 of the South Unit of the Youngstown Hospital Association. A subsequent article will give the history of St. Elizabeth Hospital from 1911-1972.

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FIG. 279.—Marey's Sphygmograph.

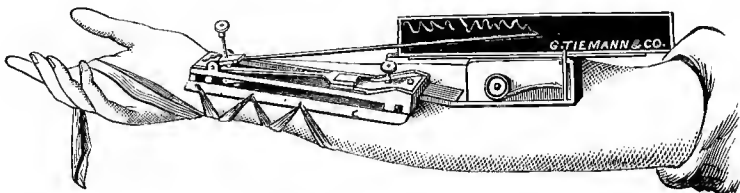
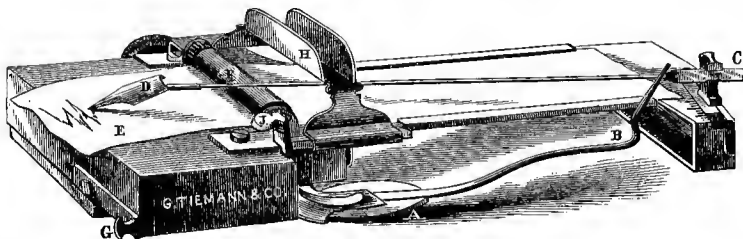


FIG. 280.—Holden's Sphygmograph.



### CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society will be held on Tuesday, June 20. The meeting originally scheduled for May has been cancelled. The June 20th meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn on Belmont Ave.

## 100 YEARS: MOMENTS IN MEDICINE

The *Bulletin* continues to publish "firsts" during the Centennial Year. Your contributions will be welcome. Send them to the editor, Dr. John Melnick.

- First Fee bill adopted by the Medical Society—Third meeting, Dec. 14, 1872
- First physician state representative—Dr. Henry Manning
- First physician state senator—Dr. Henry Manning
- First physician judge—Dr. Henry Manning
- First eye specialist—Dr. R. D. Gibson (ENT)
- First EENT Society—Feb. 14, 1947 (20 founding doctors)
- First to introduce X-ray—Dr. Carlos C. Booth
- First Receiving Hospital in Ohio—Woodside Receiving Hospital, 1944
- First Director, Woodside Receiving Hospital—Dr. Eugene E. Elder, 1945
- First President of Staff, St. Elizabeth Hospital—Dr. R. E. Whelan, 1915
- First Cobalt Therapy Unit—X-ray Dept., North Side Hospital
- First Hip "Nailing"—Dr. W. H. Buechner (10 penny nail)

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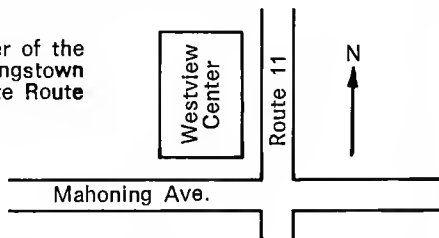
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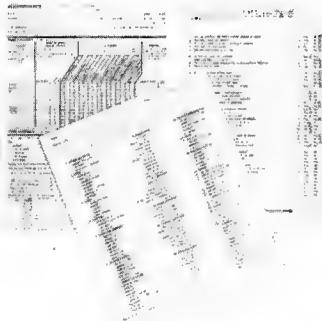
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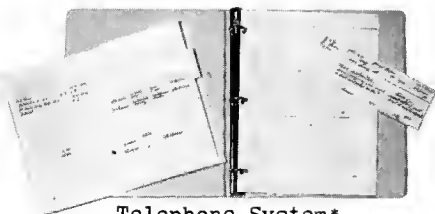
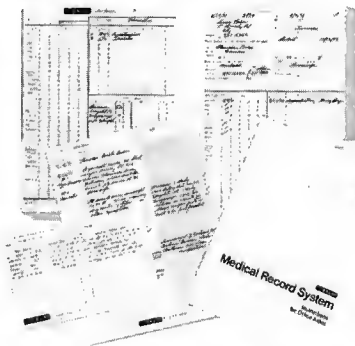
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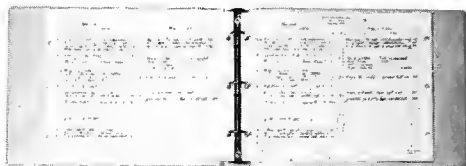
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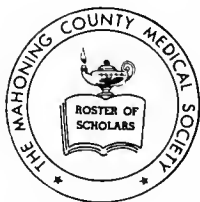
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## MEDICAL SOCIETY HONORS 54 SCHOLARS



**TOP**—Speaker, Ross Wales. Ross goes over his speech with Dr. White, while Dr. and Mrs. Wales and Dr. Holden look on. **BOTTOM**—Mrs. Holden presents a pin award. Ross presents a certificate.



Ross Wales, son of Dr. and Mrs. Craig C. Wales, was the speaker at the sixth annual Scholarship Dinner of the Mahoning County Medical Society, honoring 54 top scholars from 24 high schools in Mahoning County and part of Trumbull.

Wales, one of the six top swimmers in the United States today, and winner of an Olympic bronze medal, spoke as a college graduate to a group of high school seniors, most of whom will be entering college in the fall. He told the group, many of whom were valedictorians, what they might encounter in their first year of college.

Wales is a graduate of the Rayen School and Princeton University. He has completed one year of law school at the University of Virginia and is presently in the service, stationed at Ft. Devens, Mass.

Following his talk, Ross helped with the presentation of certificates to each student. Dr. and Mrs. Holden gave the students their pins.

Dr. C. Conner White, scholarship chairman, was master of ceremonies for the dinner. He introduced the speaker and conducted the awards. Physicians and their wives attended the dinner and sat at each table with the young guests. The invocation was given by Dr. G. E. DeCicco.

Students invited to attend the dinner each year are selected by the schools as the top boy and top girl scholar in the senior class. In case of ties, all those tied are invited. The Medical Society extends thanks to all high schools involved for their help in organizing the Roster of Scholars Dinner.

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Taking part in the television taping session are Mitch Stanley, Dr. J. L. Fisher, Dr. Robert G. Barton and Dr. John C. Melnick.

Mitch Stanley featured the centennial year of the Mahoning County Medical Society on his "Spotlight" television show of Saturday, April 22. Appearing on the program were one of the "old pros", Dr. J. L. Fisher, and one of the youngest general practitioners, Dr. Robert G. Barton, along with Dr. John C. Melnick, whose historical series has been appearing in the *Bulletin* this year.

The group discussed the development of medicine in Mahoning County from the time of Dr. Timothy Woodbridge and before. Included in the telecast were a number of photos of early medicine and early Youngstown.

### 100 YEARS AGO: THE POST-WAR YEARS

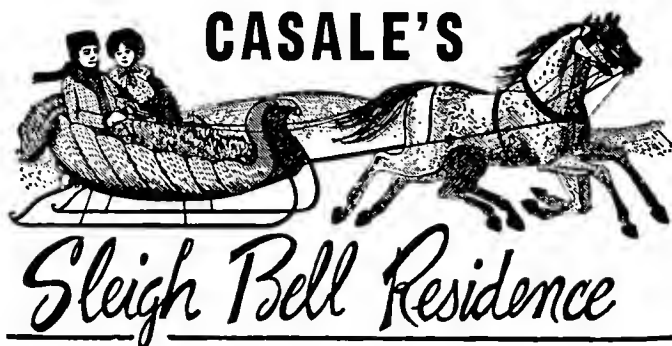
The Civil War, just ended seven years before the founding of the Mahoning County Medical Society, was to influence American politics for years to come. Six presidents following Lincoln (five of these from Ohio) were or had been officers in the United States Army.

First was Brigadier General Andrew Johnson, who had served in the capacity of military governor of Tennessee. He was followed by General Ulysses S. Grant, who was president at the time of the Medical Society founding in 1872. Next was Brevet Major General Rutherford B. Hayes, who was followed by Major General James A. Garfield. After the assassination of Garfield, two non-military men held the office. They were followed by Brevet Brigadier General Benjamin Harrison. Then, with the lapse of one more non-military term, the last of the Civil War officers, Brevet Major William McKinley, became president. It is thought that Youngstown's Dr. Thomas J. Shannon was acquainted with both Hayes and McKinley, having served with them in the Eighth Corps under Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley.

### MCMS MADE SPELLING BEE AWARDS

For the fifth year, the Mahoning County Medical Society provided six book awards for the top winners in the *Vindicator's* annual spelling bee.

The excellent medical compilation, *Today's Health Guide*, was given to the first six winners. This is a publication of the American Medical Association.



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A resolution was presented to Dr. Levy by Captain James McBride, Assistant Police Chief, and the plaque was presented by Atty. William J. Higgins.

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The following have already made their \$100 contributions or pledges toward the centennial year celebration of the Mahoning County Medical Society. Contributors are listed as of May 1st.

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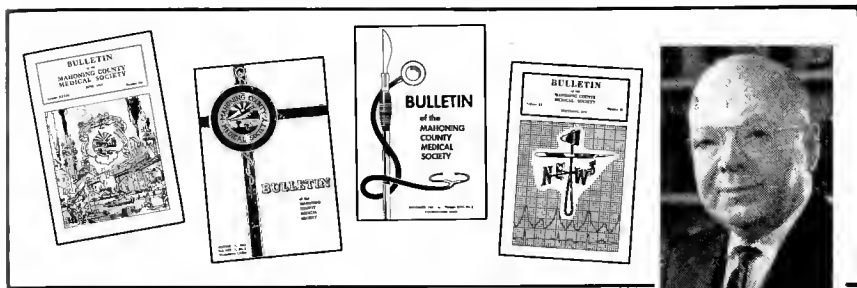
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## From the Bulletin

### FORTY YEARS AGO — MAY 1932

Edgar Baker and John Lewis presented an outstanding scientific exhibit at the AMA Convention in New Orleans.

At the Ohio State Meeting in Dayton there were 750 doctors registered and at our Post-Graduate Day last month there were 400. Much bragging about that.

From the first constitution (1873): "Art. 8. It shall be the duty of each member of the Society at the end of three months to report the names of all non-paying patients, that names of such may be entered upon a BLACK LIST, which shall be kept by each member of this Society for 'reference'". Art. 9. Members of this Society shall not give medical advice or treatment to any person on the BLACK LIST until he or she gives satisfactory proof that they have paid for previous treatment. Meritorious cases always excepted." Those doctors had good public relations. They were respected. They told the public where to get off, but they couldn't get away with it today.

According to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue a doctor's expenses for post-graduate study are personal in nature and not deductible for income tax purposes.

### THIRTY YEARS AGO — MAY 1942

The war was going badly. The Philippines were lost, the Pacific fleet was shattered, but hope was revived by Doolittle's raid on Tokyo in April. A. R. Cukerbaum, S. J. Klatman, J. A. Rogers, Sam Schwebel and W. J. Tims left for military service.

Edward J. McCormick of Toledo, president of the Ohio State Medical Association addressed a luncheon meeting of the Medical-Dental Bureau on "The American Way". He later became president of the A.M.A.

Walter King Stewart was urging everyone to fill out the questionnaire for the Procurement and Assignment Committee. That amounted to voluntary enlistment which made some of the doctors think long thoughts.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO — MAY 1952

Editor McNeal said that physical diagnosis is a lost art.

Earle B. Kay came down from the Cleveland Clinic to address a combined meeting with the Mahoning County T.B. Staff on surgical treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis.

The Academy of General Practice had H. E. Van Ordstrand here from Cleveland to talk on "Solitary Lesions of the Lung".

W. J. Flynn had a leading article on "Thyroid Cancer". He advised the removal of all thyroid adenomas because cancer mostly arises in previously existing adenomas.

The A.M.A. was still trying to make the Internal Revenue Department allow the doctors tax deductions for Post-Graduate study.

The Auxiliary reported a membership of two hundred thirty-two. They had a busy year getting out the voters, helping with the Cancer, Diabetes,

Heart and March of Dimes drives. They raised \$885.00 to sponsor two nursing scholarships. Mrs. C. A. Gustafson was president.

New members of the Society were R. N. Catoline, H. L. Shorr, F. A. Friedrich and K. J. Hovanic. Dr. Lawrence Segal retired from practice and went to Florida to live.

### TEN YEARS AGO — MAY 1962

President Stertzbach congratulated everyone on the success of the mass polio immunization.

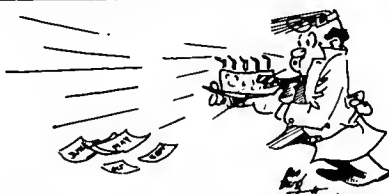
Editor Ben Berg inveighed against the new Social Security Eldercare.

G. E. DeCicco of the Medical-Dental Bureau warned against the methods employed by some unscrupulous bill collectors.

Dr. Randall's committee on Osteopathy Relations reported that consultation with Osteopathic Physicians is ethical.

William James Cleary became a member. James Calvin completed post-graduate study in cardiology and returned to active practice. J. P. Kalfas was certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery.

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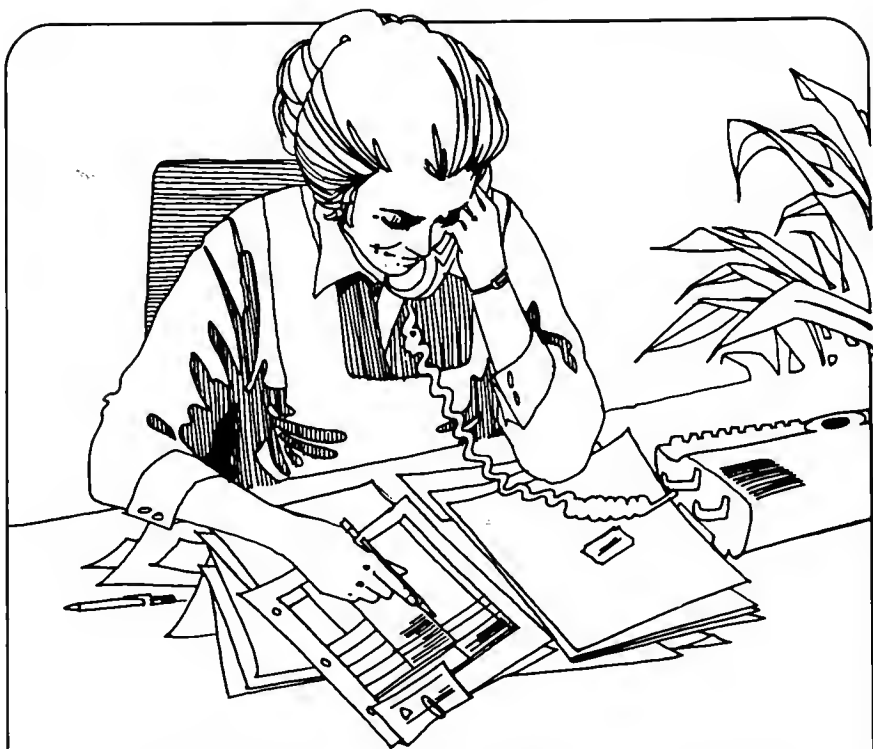
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## PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

April 11, 1972

The regular meeting of the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, April 11, 1972, at the Youngstown Maennerchor.

The following physicians were present, Henry Holden, president, presiding: R. A. Abdu, J. J. Anderson, Louis Bloomberg, B. P. Brucoli, A. B. Cinelli, C. A. Crans, G. H. Dietz, K. M. Lloyd, J. C. Melnick, F. A. Pesa, C. E. Pichette, Jack Schreiber, J. W. Tandatnick and C. C. White. Also present were Dr. W. H. Bunn and Dr. Richard W. Juvancic. Absent were: S. G. Adornato, L. P. Caccamo, D. J. Dallis, S. F. Petraglia, J. F. Stotler and L. J. Zehr.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. It was noted that there was need of a correction in the minutes of Feb. 8. The secretary was instructed to add the name of Dr. William E. Sovik to the list of those present at that meeting. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the secretary dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 14 meeting. Bills were read. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that each bill be paid. The any-doctor call report of the Medical Dental Bureau was passed around for all council members to see.

Dr. Juvancic, chairman of the AHEC Task Force, discussed their program. He stated that the name is being changed to AHEN (Area Health Education Network). Dr. Bunn and Dr. Juvancic answered questions concerning the program. It was suggested that Dr. Juvancic send us literature that may be given to the membership, so that it may be discussed and voted upon at the May meeting. At this point Dr. Juvancic and Dr. Bunn left the meeting.

The following applications were presented by the censors:

ASSOCIATE: Robert S. Bakondy, D.O.  
Abdul Hafiz, M.D.  
Parviz Soleimani, M.D.

The applications were approved. Applicants will become members of the Mahoning County Medical Society fifteen days after publication in the *Bulletin*, unless objection is filed in writing with the secretary before that time.

Dr. Lloyd, treasurer, reported that seven members had not paid 1972 dues. He also reported on the status of the investment fund and suggested that this money is available if the Medical Society should encounter a deficit.

Mr. Rempes reported that the Mahoning County Board of Health is looking for a successor to Dr. Ray W. Fenton. It was suggested that this be posted on the bulletin boards and printed in the *Bulletin*.

Attention was called to Dr. Greissinger's letter asking for help in the VD clinic and the well-baby clinics. The editor was asked to publish this again in the *Bulletin*.

A letter was read from Dr. Schellhase concerning council action on the subject of Red Cross and blood banks, previously brought before council. The motion was made by Dr. Bloomberg, and properly seconded, that the Medical Society submit a list of eight pertinent questions to the Red Cross director, with a copy of the letter to Dr. Schellhase. Motion was passed.

Dr. Schreiber, chairman, reported for the Canfield Fair Committee. He announced a meeting of exhibitors to take place on April 19. He asked all council members to renew efforts to find old medical material for the proposed doctor's office display at the Fair.

Dr. Schreiber reported progress on the centennial celebration. He reported that two letters had been sent to members and that the response to date was heartening.

Dr. Anderson presented a form based on the Council of Medical Staffs form, entitled, "Notice to My Patients and Their Insurers." Dr. Holden appointed the following committee to study the form and present it at the May 16 meeting: Dr. Bloomberg, Dr. Schreiber and Dr. Anderson.

It was noted that there will be a pre-caucus meeting at Congress Lake on April 12. Dr. Schreiber and Mr. Rempes will attend.

Attention was called to the caucus meeting at Congress Lake on April 19. Following volunteered to attend: Drs. Pichette, Schreiber, Melnick, Pesa, Abdu, Anderson and Bloomberg. Dr. Holden will also attend.

All delegates were informed of the dates of the House of Delegates meeting in Cincinnati in May.

Dr. Holden proposed that the Hospital Relations Committee be activated to improve staff relations. To the already established committee, of which Dr. DeCicco is chairman, he appointed the following: Drs. Lloyd, Dietz, Pesa, Crans, Abdu and Brucoli.

It was noted that the next meeting of council will be on the first Tuesday (May 2) because of the OSMA meeting conflict. Council voted to hold the meeting at the Youngstown Maennerchor.

In regard to the place for the May 16 Medical Society meeting, Dr. Holden was given authority to select the site.

Discussion ensued concerning the annual Medical Society and Legal Society meeting. Council was not in favor of a golf day such as the Legal Society sponsored last year. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that a picnic be planned for dentists, lawyers and physicians.

Dr. Holden called attention to the health care poll in Life magazine April 7th issue.

Dr. Holden called attention to a TV spot carried on a local station which was written by the AMA and also carried the sponsorship of the Mahoning County Medical Society. The spot, which urged patients to have doctors give them a blood type, was taken off the air at the request of the Medical Society. It was suggested that a corrective spot be sent to the station.

Dr. Holden announced that a poll on important issues will be sent by the Mahoning County Medical Society to members before the next meeting. Meeting was adjourned.

—Howard Rempes  
Executive Secretary

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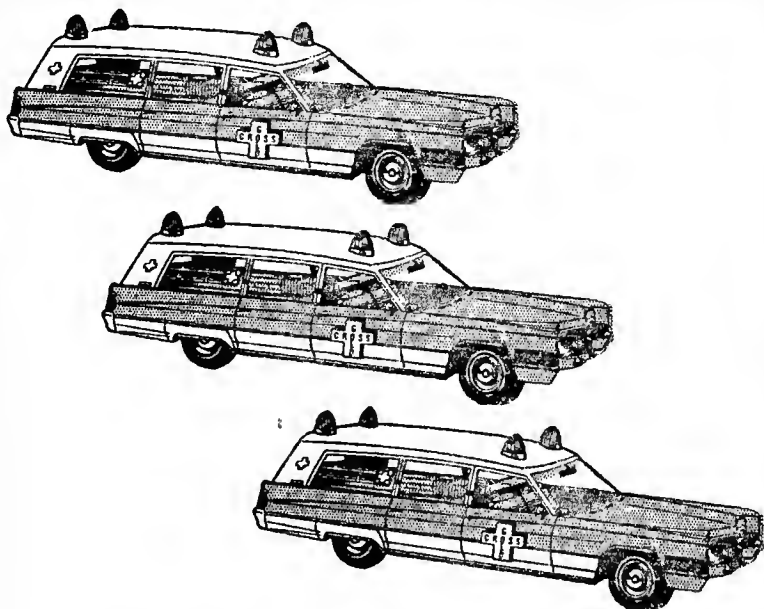
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